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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants cite and submit copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

European Reference No. 0 611 786 corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 5,539,074, European Reference No. 0 887 369 corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 6,096,369, and WO 96/21167 corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 6,087,412. No English language translation is currently available for DE 1 795 565. However, the relevant portion of this document is set forth in the International Search Report for PCT/EP00/02539, of which the present application is a 371 application. Applicants also note that DE 1 795 565 was cited in the International Search Report as an "A" document, defining the general state of the art and not considered to be of particular relevance.

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